

AMERICAN TROOPS ARE CONCENTRATING NOW

EXPEDITION INTO MEXICO STILL SEVERAL DAYS OFF

Meanwhile General Villa with a Small Body of Men is Fleeing Farther from Border.

HIDE AND SEEK GAME

Army Officers Express the Belief That Pursuit Will Be a Matter of Months.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
SAN ANTONIO, March 13.—No movement of the expeditionary force that will search for Francisco Villa is probable today, Major General Funston announced today.

The general said preparations for the expedition were going on despite General Carranza's notification to the Washington government that he would not consent to American troops entering Mexico unless Carranza troops were allowed to enter the United States.

It was officially announced that Brigadier General John J. Pershing will command the expeditionary force. General Funston said he had received no notification from Washington to hold back the expedition while negotiations were being completed with General Carranza.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
COLUMBUS, N. M., March 13.—Actual concentration of United States troops for an expedition into Mexico to try to capture Francisco Villa was begun here today.

From the heavy troop movements to Columbus it would seem, according to officers stationed here that this point is to be made a base of operations.

The force of General Pablo Bergan, commanding the Carranza garrison at El Paso, and a battery of the Sixth field artillery from Nogales, Ariz., two squadrons of the Twelfth cavalry from Fort Robinson, Neb., are expected later. All save the cavalry from Fort Robinson, which is to go on station here, are apparently to be available for expeditionary purposes.

The battery of mountain artillery from Fort Bliss is equipped with twelve mountain guns especially designed for the character of fighting which the punitive expedition is expected to do. Two troops of the Thirteenth cavalry, F and H, which have been on patrol duty at Hermosillo, twenty miles from here, also have returned to camp preparatory to the despatching of an expedition. Troop G, which had been doing duty at Border Gates, two and one-half miles south, also was returned, being replaced by a company of infantry.

In striking contrast to the excitement of the last few days, preparation for the departure of the expedition progressed today with regularity and calm.

It is not expected here that the expedition to enter Mexico at least from this point will be started for several days because of the poor railroad facilities with which to concentrate the troops.

Meanwhile Villa, with but a small body of men, it is reported here, is fleeing farther from the United States border daily into the mountains which parallel the border of Chihuahua at Sonora towards Guerrero, where his days as an outlaw began, and where to almost every person "Pancho" Villa is a hero. Army men here point out that once back in the mountains among his friends, the pursuit of Villa is apt to resemble a game of hide and seek. Some officers believe that the pursuit may be a matter of months.

TERM IS BEGUN.

The county court began its regular March term here Monday morning with Commissioners J. J. Sturm and Isaac L. Davidson in attendance.

WOMEN FORM LABEL LEAGUE

At a Meeting of the Central Labor and Trades Council and Elect Their Officers.

The Central Labor and Trades Council of Clarksburg met in the Moose hall Sunday afternoon for the purpose of organizing a Woman's Union Label League. The meeting was called to order by President Emmons, of the trades council. He gave an instructive talk on "Unionism." Mr. Esenbuth, of Local No. 90, N. B. of O. P., a member of the organizing committee, explained the benefit of a Union Label League to the union man. Mr. Coleman, of the barbers' union, gave a very instructive talk. Mr. Donohue, of the painters' union, explained the workings of unionism. Mrs. Emmons was asked to speak and stated she had been a union label booster for some time. Mrs. Willet's being called on to speak, gave a very pleasant talk. Mr. Conaway, of the plumbers' union, gave

Holmboe and Lafferty Awarded the Contract

MRS. PEARL DEAD

Heart Trouble Results in the Death of a Former Resident of Meadowbrook.

After changes for the better in heart trouble, Mrs. Harry Pearl, aged 45, died suddenly Sunday morning at her home at Bellview. Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday morning at Bellview and Shinnston.

Mrs. Pearl had suffered all her life at times from the unpreventable malady and for the last few days had undergone pains which were not unusual in her life. She became ill Thursday and suffered for several hours. She began to recover and a steady improvement was evident until Sunday morning, when she died suddenly.

A noble Christian woman Mrs. Pearl had been a participant in affairs of the Methodist Episcopal church ever since childhood. She was a faithful member of the church at Barnston.

The deceased woman lived at Bellview for ten years. She was married fifteen years ago to Harry Pearl, now an engineer with the Federal Coal and Coke Company at Grant Town. Before her marriage Mrs. Pearl was Miss Jennie Amelia Kellison. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Kellison, of Meadowbrook. Sisters and brothers are living as follows: Mrs. Patrick Kiger and Miss Blanche Kellison, of Martin, Garfield and Arthur Kellison, of the Meadowbrook vicinity, and Dorsey Kellison, of the United States army.

CALLS FOR STATEMENT.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
WASHINGTON, March 13.—The comptroller of the currency today issued a call to all national banks requiring them to report to him their condition at the close of business on Tuesday, March 7.

ARTILLERY STILL BUSY IN THE VERDUN REGION

And French Aviators to Number of Thirty Start Fires at Five Points.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
PARIS, March 13.—There was no infantry fighting last night in the region to the north of Verdun, according to the announcement of the French war office today.

There has been, however, a continuance of the artillery activity along all this front.

During the night a group of French aviators threw down thirty shells of large caliber at the railroad station of Conflans. Flames were seen breaking out at five different points. In spite of a violent cannonade, all the French aeroplanes succeeded in getting back without suffering damage.

The German losses in the fighting around Fort Vaux last Friday and Saturday surpass all previous records in this war, according to officers who have returned from Verdun. Time and time again and with extraordinary courage, the Germans, in columns four deep, rushed from their trenches only to melt away under the fire of the French guns, which rained shells with deadly accuracy into the marching columns.

The spur on which the fort is situated is almost perpendicular in certain places. The German lines were forced to halt, but many Bavarian reservists climbed up on another's shoulders and struggled up the slope clinging to angles of rock and grasping tufts of grass. Again and again

FRONTIER CLOSED

On Account of German Offensive at Verdun but at One Point is Reopened.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
LONDON, March 13.—An Amsterdam despatch to the Central News says that on account of the German offensive at Verdun, the Dutch-Belgian frontier has been closed for several weeks. That part of it south of Maastricht has now been reopened and this fact is commented on in Holland as probably indicating that the Germans consider their offensive near an end. The despatch adds that eighty-one more hospital trains with wounded Germans from Verdun have passed through Luxembourg.

These human pyramids collapsed into shapeless masses. In the places where the incline was easier and the attack therefore more concentrated, the ditches below ran red with blood. At the lowest estimate the attackers lost two-thirds of their effectiveness.

STATE PRISON SENTENCE IS GIVEN A THIEF

While Another Person Gets a Fine and a Sentence to Work on Roads.

In the criminal court Monday a plea of guilty of breaking into railroad box cars and stealing merchandise therefrom was entered by Harry Moneypanney and he was sentenced to serve two years and six months in the state penitentiary.

Marion Boone entered a plea of guilty of a liquor violation and was sentenced to serve two months in jail and on the roads and to pay a fine of \$100 and costs.

Emanuel Hardy, imprisoned on a charge of violating the prohibition law but not indicted, was released from jail.

Trial of A. Clarence Prunty was continued until Thursday, March 16. U. G. Cooper is on trial charged with retailing liquor.

Additional trials were set as follows:

Monday, March 20.—Frank Burnham, June Powell and Harold Rouse.

Tuesday, March 21.—Lee and Dossie DeWitt, Harold Rouse, Icie Brady and Stella Shook.

Wednesday, March 22.—Buth Clark, James Martin, Clarence Smith and John Moler.

Thursday, March 23.—Benjamin D. Orr.

Monday, March 27.—George D. Ables and Alice Alier and Sherman Tucker.

Tuesday, March 28.—A. B. Dent.

Wednesday, March 29.—Lloyd Duff, Aubrey Duff and Leonora K. Russell.

Thursday, March 30.—Michael Berligo and Joe Winters.

Friday, March 31.—Art Waldo.

STEWART IS TO DELIVER AN ADDRESS

In the Central Christian Church in This City the Coming Sunday Evening.

Oliver W. Stewart, of Chicago, formerly of the Illinois legislature, will speak in the Central Christian church at 7:30 o'clock Sunday evening.

Mr. Stewart was one of the members and speakers in the great Flying Squadron campaign, which began at Perea, Ill., Sept. 30, 1914, and closed at Atlantic City, June 6, 1915, after having visited the capital of every state as well as the capital of the nation.

In 235 days meetings were held in 255 cities, necessitating a journey of over 65,000 miles.

Mr. Stewart comes under the auspices of the Flying Squadron Foundation, of which J. Frank Hanley, former governor of Indiana, is the head. The foundation is continuing the work of the Flying Squadron. Mr. Stewart is a speaker of national reputation and is well known in Clarksburg, and many of his friends no doubt will be glad to know of his engagement to deliver.

Mr. Stewart will be accompanied by Miss Vera K. Mullin, of Winchester, Ind., the famous Flying Squadron soloist, who traveled with the third group of speakers on their nationwide itinerary, visiting every state in the union. Miss Mullin is assisted by her pianist, Miss Iris Robinson. The public is cordially invited to this service.

GOVERNOR DAWSON'S BODY IS TAKEN ON A SPECIAL TRAIN

Through the City for Kingwood, His Former Home, Tuesday Morning.

A special train, running as the second section of No. 14, passed through the city about 1:30 o'clock Monday afternoon carrying the body of W. M. O. Dawson from Charleston, where he died Sunday morning, to Kingwood, where the funeral and burial will be held Tuesday morning. Members of the family, Governor H. D. Hatfield and other state officials and friends accompanied the body.

William Mercer Owens Dawson, who served as governor of West Virginia for four years following March 4, 1905, was best known as the author of the state tax laws. He was born at Bloomington, Md., near the line which now marks the eastern extremity of West Virginia, on May 21, 1853, the son of Francis and Leah (Knight) Dawson. He was descended on his paternal side from men who fought with Oliver Cromwell, but the family had long been residents of Maryland. When ten years of age he was sent to a private school at Cranberry, (now Terra Alta), and in his spare time worked with a cooper. He became proficient in his trade and in 1873 had advanced so far in his studies that he moved

CARRANZA'S REQUEST IS LIKELY TO BE ACCEPTED

Let's Boost Our City Through the Strongest Commercial Organization It is Possible to Have

(By G. W. Dudderar, secretary-treasurer of the board of trade.)
There is a saying that "nothing succeeds like success" and certainly we should not let up when we see on every hand the encouraging results of our boosting. Prosperity is certainly smiling on this community, and we are, therefore, more encouraged than ever before to organize our prosperity. Let us review some interesting facts.

Financial.
The following are statistics relating to our seven banks:

Deposits.	
1894	\$ 261,820.00
1904	2,009,223.00
Jan. 1, 1914	9,127,360.00
Jan. 1, 1916	9,374,252.00

Resources.	
1894	\$ 420,874.00
1904	4,448,874.00
Jan. 1, 1914	11,492,219.00
Jan. 1, 1916	12,575,594.00
Capital	1,600,000.00
Surplus and profits	782,765.00

Industrial.
Clarksburg has thirteen glass factories employing 2,400 hands with an approximate annual payroll of \$2,200,000; four zinc and carbon plants employing 1,450 men with an annual payroll of \$1,000,000; large tin plate mill, machine shops, foundries, wood-working plants, etc., employing 1,500 men with an approximate annual payroll of \$1,500,000, or a grand total employed in strictly manufacturing plants of 5,500 employees, representing an annual payroll of close to \$5,000,000.

New Plants and Enlargements.
During the years 1914 and 1915 eleven new plants were located in this district, among which were three glass plants. These plants represent an investment of \$1,000,000, will employ when completed 1,015 people and have an annual payroll of \$900,000. During this same period nine plants were either enlarged or rebuilt representing an additional investment of \$641,000, furnish employment to 275 additional employees and increasing our annual payroll approximately \$250,000. This glass company, which will be equivalent to a new factory employing 100 or more hands.

Buildings Other Than Factories.
During this period close investigation indicates that at least 1,000 new homes have been built, representing an approximate investment of \$250,000.

One six-story office building, \$100,000.

Other store rooms and business blocks, either new or enlarged, representing an investment of \$200,000. Total investment, \$1,500,000.

We have also built one new high school, a parochial school, two modern ward schools, while two other ward schools are being remodeled and enlarged, altogether representing an investment of \$500,000. Deal is just being closed making the first for 1916, for another thirty-six block window glass plant, which will employ about 180 men with an annual payroll of about \$175,000, detailed report to be published later.

These industries represent an investment of close to \$11,000,000, based upon a conservative estimate and do not include our wholesale jobbing or mercantile interests, nor the mining oil or gas investments. These would probably equal the above figures.

And we are growing, too.

Statistics bearing on population as taken from the census report of 1910, might also be interesting. For instance, Harrison county showed a population at that time of 48,381, as compared with 27,690 in 1900, an increase of seventy-four per cent.

Reply Will Be Made to His Request after Lansing Confers with President Wilson.

WILL LET HIM CROSS

Great Deal of Unnecessary Pessimism Exists as to Attitude of General Carranza.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
WASHINGTON, March 13.—The United States will reply to General Carranza's request for a reciprocal arrangement for crossing of troops at the Mexican border late today, after Secretary Wilson has conferred with President Wilson. It was indicated that Carranza's proposal would be accepted.

The acceptance probably will be made on the grounds that Carranza troops may cross into American territory in pursuit of bandits at any time that American forces are not present in sufficient numbers. It will be pointed out that the inability of the Carranza troops to handle the situation in northern Mexico is the sole ground for entry of American soldiers.

In that way American officials expect the situation will be relieved of its chief menacing feature. They expressed the view today that a great deal of unnecessary pessimism exists as to General Carranza's attitude. As to the attitude of the Mexican people themselves, however, there is some concern, but it is realized that only the developments of the next few days can clear up that phase of the situation.

BARBED WIRE BARRIERS.
(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
PARIS, March 13.—In order to prevent the passage of contraband into Switzerland over Lake Constance, the Swiss military authorities are erecting along the Swiss shore of the lake barbed wire barriers charged with electricity.

Do you know anything more important than the strengthening and making permanent the organization that is back of this development?

Are you a member of the board of trade? If not, join now.

ARMY POST FIRE ON PACIFIC COAST

With the Source of Water Supply Cut Off in a Mysterious Manner.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
MONTEREY, Calif., March 13.—The Monterey Presidio was totally destroyed by fire early today about six hours after being vacated by troops of the First cavalry, who left for the Mexican border. Firemen attempting to extinguish the flames found that the water supply had been cut.

An investigation was started immediately. Monterey was the Spanish

SIMPLICITY MARKS FUNERAL OF DAVIS

Which is Held at the Residence of His Daughter, Mrs. S. B. Elkins, in Washington.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
WASHINGTON, March 13.—The funeral services held over the remains of the late Henry Gasaway Davis, at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Stephen B. Elkins, 1626 K street, northwest, this afternoon, were marked by simplicity as the life of the deceased himself. They were characterized by brevity and improvisation, consisting of prayer and scripture reading by the Rev. Charles Wood, pastor of the church of the covenant, of which church Senator Davis was a communicant and a hymn by a quartet.

The services were attended by a considerable number of men high in the financial and political life of the nation, many of them coming from their homes in other cities, especially from New York and Baltimore. From among them the honorary pallbearers were chosen. They were the Honorable John W. Foster, ex secretary of state; Chief Justice White, of the United States supreme court; Senator John Sharp Williams, of Mississippi; Andrew Carnegie, Robert C. Kerens, Arthur P. Gorman, Jr., and Charles C. Glover, the Washington banker.

Senator Davis's body was not removed from the death chamber until this morning. It was placed in a plain black casket shortly before noon and removed to the first floor of the Elkins residence, where it was deposited in the center of one of the large parlors. This room was completely filled with flowers, many wreaths and other designs, from distinguished friends of the dead man ranging in station from the president of the United States down.

John T. Davis, the only son, is expected to land from a ship in New York tomorrow. He was on his way home from Havana when his father died, and he received the sad news by wireless on the high seas. Unless unforeseen delays occur to him, he is expected to arrive at his home at Elkins Wednesday morning, and following his arrival the funeral services in that town will be held and interment will be made. The services

ARRESTED AS HIGHWAYMAN

Arless Edgell Accused of Holding Up and Robbing Foreigners on Car Track.

Accused of holding up, feloniously beating and robbing William Rose and Pot Spink, Mount Clare foreigners, one night last December on the interurban trolley track at the north end of Chestnut street, Arless Edgell, for whom officers had been looking for some time, has been apprehended and is under bond to appear Wednesday afternoon for a trial in Magistrate R. Edward Kidd's court.

The bond, which was set at \$500, was furnished Monday morning after Edgell had spent the night in the county jail. He was arrested Sunday night at Northview by Deputy Sheriff Laco Wolfe, following the receipt of a tip at the sheriff's office as to his whereabouts.

Two other persons were arrested and tried for holding up the two foreigners, but they proved an alibi and were released. The men were carrying suitcases of whiskey at the time and four men waylaid them, knocking them senseless with heavy clubs and taking the suitcases, which were valued at \$17.50.

There will be held in the Presbyterian memorial chapel, conducted by the Rev. Dr. Barron, the pastor of that congregation.

Upon the arrival of the funeral party, which left here on a special train tonight for Elkins, the casket containing the remains of the distinguished West Virginian will be taken to the residence of John T. Davis, where the body will lay in state until time to hold the final rites.